trained in rendering first aid. Trains can also be stopped immediately at any station for treatment in dire emergency. Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be requisitioned, in emergencies. In addition, a database has also been developed regarding availability of the non-railway medical facilities along railway tracks and at stations en-route, for providing emergency medical care to sick travelling passengers in the Trains.

While every efforts is made to provide emergency first aid to such persons, it may be appreciated that it is physically not possible to provide advance resuscitation measures, specialized medical equipment in running trains. Such equipment can not obviously be used in a running train by one General Duty doctor/non-specialised doctor. Only recourse would be to de-train the patient at a suitable station from where the ground medical team can take over. There is no proposal to add an additional coach equipped with medical facilities for immediate treatment, in VIP and long distance trains.

Miserable condition of platforms and railway coaches

†2108. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission has urged him to improve the miserable condition of platforms and railway coaches;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements to check the condition of coaches being used in the various trains, their cleanliness and inspection of cleanliness etc. of platforms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. In one case of Union of India *Vs* Z.U. Siddiqui and others, the State Commission, Delhi invited the attention towards condition of platforms, coaches, sanitary condition, to provide benches to passengers to sit while waiting for the train etc.

(b) and (c) Regular inspections are made for cleanliness of platforms. In order to ensure proper cleanliness of platforms, round the clock inspection are made. Medical Officers also conduct inspections regularly. The platforms/stations are also inspected by Chief Medical Superintendents, Divisional Railway Managers and other railway officers. Railways have a well established system of maintenance and cleanliness of coaches. Upgraded materials have now been specified to improve the ambience inside the coaches. There are now being adopted in new manufacture and maintenance of coaches. For improving cleanliness of trains, Indian Railways are progressively adopting mechanized cleaning of coaches/trains in the coaching maintenance depots through professional agencies. Mechanised enroute cleaning of nominated trains is also carried out during their stoppage at "Clean Train

†inal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Stations" spread over the Indian Railway network. On Board cleaning and Housekeeping is presently being carried out in few prestigious trains and the scheme is proposed to be extended to other important long distance trains.

Introduction of new trains

2109. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals for introduction of new trains are pending with his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan made certain proposals;

(c) if so, what are the details of those proposals; and

(d) what is the criterion for introduction of new trains, and on what grounds the proposals received from the State of Rajasthan are not being accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 29 pairs of new trains announced in Rail Budgets are still to be introduced.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from Government of Rajasthan. However, representations are received from people's representatives of Rajasthan, *inter alia*, regarding introduction of trains. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken.

(d) New train services are introduced subject to traffic justification, availability of resources, operational feasibility etc. Introduction of new trains is an ongoing exercise over Indian Railways and new train services are gradually provided irrespective of geographical boundaries every year. 6 pairs of new trains services announced in Railway Budget 2007-08 will serve Rajasthan.

New proposals for gauge conversion in Rajasthan

2110. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new proposals for gauge conversion of Rajasthan State have been included in the Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;

(b) what is the time-frame fixed up by his Ministry for the survey of above gauge conversion works; and

(c) what is the criteria for sanctioning these new gauge conversion works after completion of survey?